

King Street, 200 Block
232 King Street (Commercial Building)
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Wilmington
New Castle County
Delaware

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle	TOWN OR VICINITY Wilmington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) King Street, 200 Block		HABS NO. DE-129-C
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE 232 King Street (Commercial Building)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 232 King Street, Wilmington, Delaware		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) mid 19th century: construction	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Stroehle's saloon represents the rapid change over in particular uses for urban rowhouses in the older sections of Wilmington following the Civil War.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Urban vernacular with Italianate detailing		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick, common bond using pressed brick on the primary elevation. Framed joist and roof systems.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 21'7" street elevation approximately 50' deep		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Italianate cornice with 15 plain ogee brackets in the frieze and a large wood and tin console at each end. Window frames finished with plain board lintels.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The interior of the building was gutted in the mid 20th century during its consolidation with 234 King Str. as a furniture store. Indications are for a double-pile, side-passage plan. Fragments of a machined turned balustered stair survive.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Gutted and merged with 234 King Str., mid 20th century.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Last use was as a furniture store. Purchased, condemned, and demolished by the City of Wilmington, October 1984.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See narrative included in HABS No. DE-129.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Lower Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, Historic District; National Register of Historic Places, listed 1980. See bibliography.		
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